

O P E JCB71  
JUL 08 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 8618

3761

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

COPY OF PAPERS  
ORIGINALLY FILED

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gregory Ashton, et al.

Confirmation No. 9706900

Serial No.: 09/897,823

Group Art Unit 3761

Date Filed: June 29, 2001

Examiner:

Title: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING HIGHLY  
EXTENSIBLE LEG OPENINGS

- No additional fee is known to be required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA*		
<b>TOTAL</b>	* 38	MINUS	** 22	= 16	x \$18 =	\$396.00	
<b>INDEP.</b>	* 5	MINUS	*** 3	= 2	x \$84 =	\$168.00	
<b>FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM</b>						+ \$280 =	\$0.00
						<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$564.00</b>

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
  - a.  Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
  - b.  Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

*Michael P. Hayden*  
Michael P. Hayden  
Attorney or Agent for Applicant(s)  
Registration No. 48,433  
Tel. No. (513) 626-5800

Date: June 25, 2002

Customer No. 27752

(last revised 12/7/01)

RECEIVED  
JUL 17 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700